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AUCTION OF MULTICHANNEL VIDEO DISTRIBUTION AND DATA SERVICES LICENSES

Notice of Auction Scheduled for February 12, 2003

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announces an auction of Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service ("MVDDS") licenses to begin on February 12, 2003. This auction will include 354 Component Economic Area licenses for operation on frequencies 12.2–12.7 GHz. A preliminary list of licenses available for auction is included as Attachment A. Future public notices will seek comment on specific terms and conditions for this auction. The key dates are listed below:

Auction Seminar: December 11, 2002 Short Form Deadline: December 20, 2002

(FCC 175 Application)

Upfront Payment Deadline: January 17, 2003 Mock Auction: February 7, 2003 Auction Begins: February 12, 2003

For further clarification, please refer to Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Operation of NGSO FSS Systems Co-Frequency with GSO and Terrestrial Systems in the Ku-Band Frequency Range; Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Authorize Subsidiary Terrestrial Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band by Direct Broadcast Satellite Licensees and Their Affiliates; and Applications of Broadwave USA, PDC Broadband Corporation, and Satellite Receivers, Ltd. to Provide A Fixed Service in the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Second Report and Order*, FCC 02-116, ET Docket No. 98-206 (rel. May 23, 2002).

See also Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules - Competitive Bidding Procedures, WT Docket No. 97-82, Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 12 FCC Rcd 5686 (1997); Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules - Competitive Bidding Procedures, Allocation of Spectrum Below 5 GHz Transferred from Federal Government Use, Third Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 13 FCC Rcd 374 (1997) (modified by Erratum, DA 98-419 (rel. Mar. 2, 1998)); Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules - Competitive

Bidding Procedures, *Order on Reconsideration of the Third Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making,* 15 FCC Rcd 15293 (2000); Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules - Competitive Bidding Procedures, *Seventh Report and Order,* 16 FCC Rcd 17546 (2001); Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules - Competitive Bidding Procedures, *Eighth Report and Order,* 17 FCC Rcd 2962 (Feb 13, 2002).

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